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Friday, ——— September 5, 1919

**GET THEM WITH THE GOODS**

At the end of July the supply  
of creamery butter showed an in-  
crease of 129 per cent against the  
figures given for the same  
time last year. Yet the price was  
53 cents a pound, against the  
former price of 41 cents.

It may be the fault of hoard-  
ing profiteers, or wage-boosting  
profiteers, or profiteering middle-  
men. The blame probably rests  
on more than one of the above  
groups of sinners. We can hard-  
ly believe that one group alone  
would dare to be the sole cause  
of such extortion.

Whatever the cause, it seems  
that the government's inquiry  
is well timed. And it is well to  
call it an inquiry, and not a  
crusade, or reform, or any other  
romantic name. It is an inquiry—  
a recognition of our ignorance of  
the facts, and a desire to en-  
lighten our ignorance. And as  
the blame probably rests on more  
than one mischievous agency, it  
is necessary to identify them all,  
and determine the proportion of  
guilt—at the time of the investi-  
gation, and not beforehand. Our  
natural tendency to make one  
the goat for all should be resist-  
ed in these deliberations. Let us  
get the truth first, and do the  
vituperating afterwards.

**"THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE  
YOU FREE."**

A recently discharged soldier  
went into civilian life—and then  
decided to return to the army.  
His reason was that he found it  
easier to talk the language.

He didn't say what language,  
but after a few quotations his  
position became plain. In the  
army they are less polite than  
they are in civil life, but they  
know each other better. In civil  
life we are civil. We rarely say  
what we really mean. If we are  
invited anywhere, and we don't  
want to go, we don't say so; we  
merely have a previous engage-  
ment. If we are asked whether  
we like something that the other  
fellow likes, we say "yes," even  
though it gives us a pain in the  
rhomboidal gland.

We profess personal liking—  
even enthusiastic affection—for  
people to whom we want to sell  
something. If we are made the

recipients of honey-flavored  
overtures, we feel a sinister sus-  
picion that we have been picked  
as prospects.

It seems unfortunate that any  
one should have to go into the  
army to escape from this kind of  
thing. For many people it is an  
excellent thing to be in the army,  
but it is sad that there should be  
no other environment—except,  
perhaps, the navy—where  
things are called by their real  
names. Sincerity in these two  
branches of public service is  
natural; the members don't have  
to sell anything to make a living.  
But a fairly good alternative  
would be found in the develop-  
ment of a corresponding sincer-  
ity in civil life.

**ALL TIRED OUT**

**Hundreds More in Scotland Neck  
in the Same Flight.**

Tired all the time;  
Wearily and worn out night and  
day;

Back aches; head aches,  
Your kidneys are probably weak-  
ened.

You should help them at their  
work.

Let one who knows tell you  
how.

Jere Bunch, carpenter, Scotland  
Neck, says: "I used Doan's Kid-  
ney Pills about six months ago.  
My back was so bad I couldn't  
bend over and I was in misery.  
My kidneys didn't act properly  
and I felt tired and languid all  
the time. Finally I got Doan's  
Kidney Pills at Whitehead Co's  
Drug Store and they brought me  
wonderful relief."

Price 60, at all dealers. Don't  
simply ask for a kidney remedy—  
get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same  
that Mr. Bunch had. Foster-Mil-  
burn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Ocie Pope and Miss Sallie Pope  
spent a few days in Hampton last  
week.

**IT IS  
HIGH  
TIME**

IT IS HIGH TIME YOU  
WERE GIVING US YOUR  
ORDER FOR THE CHAM-  
PION PEANUT THRASH-  
ER. DON'T WAIT TILL  
YOU NEED IT. FREIGHT  
IS MOVING SLOW AND  
WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE  
TO GET IT IN TIME FOR  
YOU. GIVE US YOUR OR-  
DER NOW AND THEN  
GET THRESHER WHEN  
YOU NEED IT.

**Josey  
Hardware  
Company  
Inc.**

Pioneer Hardware Dealers,  
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.

**PRICE CHANGED**

FROM SEPTEMBER FIRST THE PRICE OF HORSE-  
SHOEING WILL BE \$2.00 A ROUND.  
I DO BUSINESS ONLY FOR CASH.

**W. E. MARKS**

Scotland Neck, N. C.

**"MUTT & JEFF'S DREAM"**



Dixie Theatre. Tuesday Sep. 9

**EVERY TRACTOR**

If you want a light, simple, easily  
operated tractor, to do your discing  
and harrowing and belt work the  
Avery 5-10 will do it.

It has ample power for thrashing or  
picking peanuts and will saw wood,  
grind corn and otherwise lighten your  
farm labor. It burns kerosene. We  
have been running one for a year with  
splendid results. The price is \$480.00  
—and we have them in stock.

SHIELDS COMMISSARY

**Have You Seen Those  
Red Figures**

EACH ARTICLE IN OUR STORE IS MARKED IN LARGE,  
PLAIN, RED FIGURES.

THE FIGURES ARE LARGE, BUT THE AMOUNTS FOR  
SUCH GOODS ARE EXCEEDING SMALL.

IF YOU WANT TO DEFEAT OLD H. C. L. COME IN AND  
LOOK THESE RED FIGURES OVER.

ALL GOODS DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

**Charles E. Steptoe & Company**

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Our store was never more complete  
New goods are arriving each day  
We have the home furnishings that  
will suit your taste—and are priced  
right.

**Scotland Neck Furniture Co.**  
CASH OR CREDIT

**When You Have Money  
You Have Friends**

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED THAT WHEN A MAN IS  
KNOWN TO HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK HE INVAR-  
IABLY HAS FRIENDS, MANY FRIENDS? NOT NEC-  
CESSARILY BECAUSE HE HAS MONEY, BUT BE-  
CAUSE THE POSSESSION OF A BANKING ACCOUNT  
IS A STRONG INDICATION OF HIS SUCCESS IN  
LIFE—AND SUCCESSFUL MEN ARE ALWAYS AD-  
MIRRED.

We invite you to open an account with us today.

**Scotland Neck Bank**

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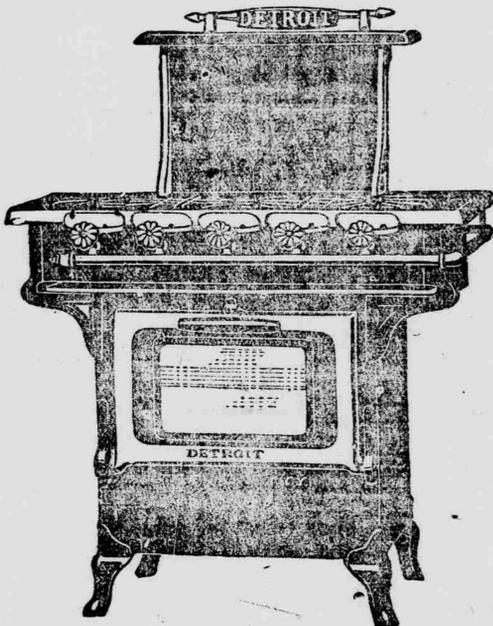
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Carload of Building Lime  
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Carload of Wire Fencing

Send or phone your order

**Hardy Hardware Co.**

THE HARDWARE HUSTLERS

Another shipment of the Famous Detroit Vapor Oil  
Stoves has arrived. We are selling these stoves faster than  
we can get them which demonstrates their superiority  
over all other oil stoves.



**Dixie Furniture Co.**

To My Friends and Patrons  
You Will Find Me at

**WATKINS  
WAREHOUSE**

Rocky Mount, N. C.

the coming season where I will be  
able to serve you better than ever  
before.

Yours to serve,  
**P. E. POWELL**

Opening Sale September 2, 1919  
Tobacco is selling much higher.  
Good cutters selling from 55 to 70  
cents. Smokers from 35 to 50c.

Common Grades Selling Well  
**P. E. POWELL**